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Letter dated 17 March 1995 from the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government and further to the letters which I sent to you on 11 September 1994 (A/49/377-S/1994/1047), 23 October 1994 (A/49/569-S/1994/1210) and 28 November 1994 (A/49/723-S/1994/1362), I have the honour to inform you that the competent authorities of the United States of America have again failed to assume their obligations under the Headquarters Agreement, by refusing to grant an entry visa to an Iraqi official who was supposed to participate in United Nations activities.

On 1 February 1995, the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations submitted to the Permanent Mission of the United States of America to the United Nations an application for an entry visa for Mr. Barzan Ibrahim Al-Tikriti, the Permanent Representative of Iraq to the United Nations Office at Geneva, so as to enable him to be a member of the high-level Iraqi delegation to the Security Council headed by Mr. Tariq Aziz, the Deputy Prime Minister, on the occasion of the Council's periodic consideration, on 13 March 1995, of the sanctions imposed on Iraq. Unfortunately, the competent United States authorities did not grant the entry visa to the Iraqi official, and failed to justify the denial.

This continuing practice by the United States of America, which is unwarranted and contrary to its legal and moral obligations under the Headquarters Agreement, the Charter of the United Nations and international custom, points to a serious shortcoming that must be eliminated and corrected by all possible means.

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I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under item 147 of the preliminary list, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
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